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Irondale Community Centre

Advisory Committee
of Minden Hills Council

centre@IrondaleOntario.ca

~Rentals~

Rentals for the centre can be booked thru
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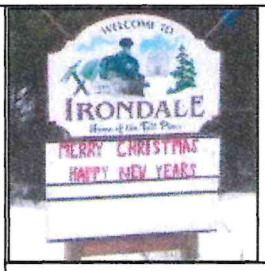


Merry Christmas, Happy New Year.

Many of you will have driven by the Irondale sign on your way to your home or the cottage.

Thank you to Linda Code for putting our sentiment together to share with you.

First Potluck Dinner of the Year was held Saturday, Jan 6.

A great crowd of hungry residents, each sharing a favourite dish. Glenda had done a great job on the ham & scalloped potatoes, as did Esther and Jean with their signature trifles.

Homemade breads, beans, deviled eggs, and pork cutlets, were some of the other dishes shared. Dessert was birthday cake & ice creams as well as the trifles.

Belated December birthday celebrated with Brian Neville
January birthdays celebrated - Gord Graham, Fred Simmons, Alla Vlassenko, Marja Tuomi.

What is happening with the paddle?

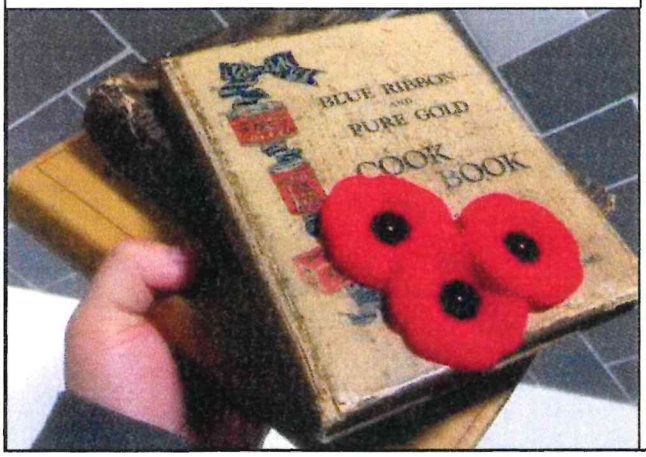
Out of 206 entries my paddled came in at #34 raising $153.00 for the event. I am very pleased with the outcome.

Who is pleased?

Check out page 4 for the rest of the story.

Cruising Facebook recently

I was stopped at this photo. It had been posted by the *Culinary Historians of Canada*. The photo caused me to look further, reading how cookbooks were tied to the war efforts. See page 3 for more.



Irondale Community Centre's Annual Fundraiser Dinner

The Irondale Community Centre Committee has changed their annual fall dinner to mid August, allowing the seasonal residents the opportunity to share the meal with friends, family and other residents.

Please mark your 2018 calendars appropriately.

Saturday, August 18, 2018
Held at the Gooderham Community Centre
(because the Irondale Centre won't hold all the attendees)

Further information can be gleaned from committee members or calling 705-447-2380

Will you buy a poppy, sir?

Will you buy a poppy, sir?
Will you wear it well?
For you will hear a band, sir,
Not a screaming shell.
It's good to hear you're well, sir,
And feeling in the pink,
Two minutes isn't very long,
To close your eyes and think.
When I was small I'd say, 'oh my,
I think that man is going to cry'.
Will you buy a poppy, sir?,
Will you wear it proud?
For you will hear the children sing,
Not orders, barked out loud.
'Fix those bayonets, off you go,
And if you don't come back,
There's plenty more to follow you,
Bob and Bill and Jack.'
Full grown men begin to cry,
I often used to wonder, why?

Will you buy a poppy, sir?
Now that it's November,
And more important, may I ask,
'Sir, will you remember?'
We see our children play and laugh,
We watch them as they grow.
We remember and we bless,
The men who made it so.
Will you pray, sir, will you cry?
Yes, sir, yes sir, so will I.
Will you buy a poppy, sir?,
Tonight there'll be a dance,
By kind permission of the men,
Who fought and died in France.
'Keep on going, though it's been,
A fortnight since you slept.
Forget your mother wept.'
Forget? We shan't, now I know why,
It's natural, to start to cry.
Will you buy a poppy, sir?,

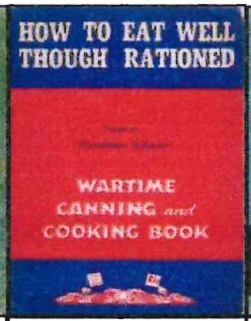
Will you give me 20 pence?
Wars are gory scenes of hell,
It makes such little sense.
To hear of lads of tender years,
Lying stiff, and cold,
What comfort can it give to say,
'They shall not grow old.'
For them, we grieve and mourn and cry,
As on death's lonely field, they lie.
Will you buy a poppy, sir?,
The band made such a row.
But now they're going home, sir,
Things are quiet now.
The politicians, they knew best,
And they had their way.
Please, sir, buy this poppy, sir,
Just one left on my tray.
Then I'll go home soon, by and by,
Perhaps to think, perhaps to cry.

Glyndwr Evans , Derbyshire, U.K.

Food on the Homefront during the Second World War

Canadians enthusiastically contributed
- to Canada's food export commitments by avoiding foods that were needed in Britain .
- to a range of officially sanctioned food-related wartime causes. Thousands of school children, young adult girls, and adult women devoted their summers to low paid agricultural labour on farms in Ontario and B.C.
- to International food relief campaigns - Red Cross packing life-saving food parcels for Allied prisoners of war; Jam for Britain in partnership with Women's Institutes, Milk for Britain by Kinsmen - just a few of those campaigns directed at food relief for Russia, Greece, France and other Allied nations.
- to the Department of National War Services fats and bones collection campaign, essential to munitions production. "Fat is Ammunition" – one pound of fat alone supplied "enough glycerine to fire 150 bullets from Bren gun" and that two pounds would "fire a burst of 20 cannon shells from a Spitfire or 10 anti-aircraft shells." The Canadian housewife was encouraged to "be a munition maker right in your own kitchen."
- to planting vegetable gardens in their backyards and open spaces - by 1944, estimated that 209,200 victory gardens were in operation producing 57,000 tons of vegetables.

This collection of recipes, by the Navy League Chapter of the I.O.E.D. raised money for war work.



Hints on keeping family fit, to stretch the meat, ingredient substitutes & desserts under rationing.

Prepare "appetizing and nourishing meals that protect and pre serve the health of their families."

Wartime restrictions meant making do with what was available - and this booklet provided many ways

Fascinating read - wartimecanada.ca/essay/eating/food-home-front-during-second-world-war

These cookbooks and more can be downloaded wartimecanada.ca/archive-categories/recipes

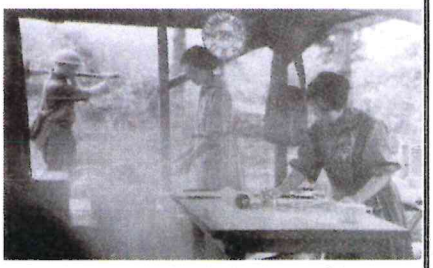
When was the last time you took a good long look at a doughnut and said "thank you"?

They've become a part of our daily lives. Until the 1930s, donuts were nothing more than an occasional treat made in Dutch communities.

Amidst the bombs, the gas, the terror and carnage of World War I, there was one army whose mission was comfort and care: the Salvation Army.

'Sally Ann' was already known for building shelters and soup kitchens in city slums, caring for the destitute and were building a strong reputation for assisting communities after natural disasters. They were a small company, but the impact they had, and still do, is tremendous.

Salvation Army officers left the United States for the trenches of France in 1917, mostly men but a handful of women as well. Their mission was to make the soldiers forget about the horrors of war in a healthy, ethical way. They served cups of hot chocolate, told Bible stories and held parties for the soldiers when they were off duty.



When morale still needed boosting, excess rations were collected to make a simple dough: flour, sugar, eggs, baking powder and canned milk. Bits were pinched off, hand rolled into simple crullers, then cooked in a soldier's helmet filled with hot lard. The operation grew, the same two women were frying upwards of 2,500 doughnuts each day - possible when you stop frying things in helmets and ask the army to give you a proper pan to cook in."

The Great Depression had stretched their efforts quite thin, and with more people than ever struggling donations were down. They turned on the fryers and declared the first Friday of June would be known as National Donut Day. A day when dropping a few cents on a doughnut wouldn't just satisfy your sweet tooth but would help raise the funds needed to continue to serve the needy.

Donut Day allows us another day to honor the brave lassies who marched to the front lines.

The above excerpt was taken from www.tastecooking.com. Please check the website out for much more detail.

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT

THE CALENDAR ON THE BACK PAGE.

I hesitate to do this article - I'm sure to miss someone. Please accept my apologies if I have missed you.

Those having health issues in last three months

Mary Graham	Ranold Wright
Ron Barr	Kurt Christensen
Barry Simmons	Murray Simmons
Fred Simmons	George Simmons
Linda Code	Lorne Buckingham

I'm sure all readers will wish those with health issues, even those with the nasty cold/flu virus a speedy recovery.

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My name is Jacqueline Kimberly Morin.

I am a self-taught artist, living in Irondale, Ontario. I love working with my hands, building and painting. My passion lies in 'The Art of Creating'. My journey has many paths, all of which I hope to explore, as I find my artistic style and passion. I don't think it will ever be one thing since I believe to be an artist one needs to explore many different ideas to find one's true passion.

My motto: To create beautiful things that bring back great memories and a sense of joy!

When I walked by the Algonquin Outfitters in Haliburton this summer and saw the paddle contest, I thought it would be a great project to kick-start my creativity as I peruse the next chapter in my life -- being my Art for Creating studio. This project includes all the things I love to do, such as working with wood, tools, painting, drawing and repurposing.

I felt when I saw the paddle that the bottom section resembled the body of a fish. So, the question became what and how? Should I simply sketch and paint an abstract design of a fish, a cartoon version or the real thing? How would I incorporate the fins? Should I re-shape the paddle itself? One thing led to another.

As I sketched the outline of the fish I realized the paddle needed to be sanded to form its proper shape to make it look real. I searched high and low for material to use for the fins. Then I came across an old binder. The plastic cover was perfect. It was clear, firm, could be cut into shapes and painted. As the project unfolded so did my excitement for the outcome. One project done and many more to follow.

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http://algonquinoutfitters.com/product-category/auctions/page/3/?orderby=bid_desc

Contact info: jacquelinekmorin@gmail.com or follow me at https://www.facebook.com/jkm.theartofcreating/

The Algonquin Outfitters' first Tom Thomson Paddle Art Auction surpassed all their goals. They had 206 paddles entered and raised $20, 094 for charitable projects.

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http://time.com/3643889/christmas-truce-1914

Christmas Truce

A temporary cessation during WW1 saw German and British troops celebrating Christmas together. Pope XV called for a Christmas truce but the idea was officially rejected. It seems the misery of life in the cold, wet trenches was enough to motivate the soldiers to initiate the truce on their own. About 100,000 people are believed to have taken part in the legendary truce.

Most accounts suggest the truce began with carol singing from the trenches on Christmas Eve. "First the Germans would sing one of their carols and then we would sing one of ours, until when we started up 'O Come, All Ye Faithful' the Germans immediately joined in singing the same hymn well this is really a most extraordinary thing - two nations both singing the same carol in the middle of a war.'

Over the course of the day, the troops exchanged gifts of cigarettes, food, buttons etc. The Christmas truce allowed both sides to bury their dead comrades - whose bodies had laid for weeks on 'no man's land'. 'No man's land' was the ground between the opposing trenches.

More information on this amazing event can be found at time.com/3643889/Christmas-truce-1914

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A Very Special
Shout Out goes to
Barb & Tina
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who donated the postage stamps for the entire September/October newsletter!
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Condolences to the families of

BERGSMA Saaktje (Sara)
Sept. 8, 2017

BUCKINGHAM, Lorne Sr.
Nov. 19, 2017

BISKUP, Matthew
Nov 29, 2017

Those we love, don't go away,
they walk beside us every day,
unseen, unheard,
but always near,
still loved, still missed
and very dear

Our Annual **November Dinner** is held on the Saturday between the two weeks of deer hunting season. Anybody can attend this event and many do.

This year the menu was an open faced hot turkey dinner with mashed potatoes, 2 veg, biscuit. Dessert - make your own sundae with toppings - proved to be a hit.

Thank You to all of the ladies that assisted with serving and clean up.

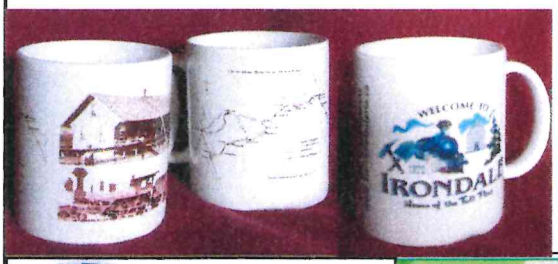
Over 40 people enjoyed the evening.

Items for Purchase - email historical@IrondaleOntario or call 705-457-8438

You may have saw the BLCD members wearing these t shirts. We have a small inventory of these maroon **T-Shirts** available for sale.
These T's wash well.
They sell for $20 each.

Sizes and number available - 4 Medium, 11 Large, 1 X-Large, and 6 XX-Large

We also have **Reusable Cotton Bags** available. These sell for $8 each. One member used them as gift bags at Christmas. The Gift is hidden inside, attach ribbon and a name tag. Great idea Linda!



New 10 oz china **Coffee Mug**
Two styles -

- Train station and engine side, rail line map on the other
- Irondale sign on both sides

These sell for $10 each

Thank You
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Minden's Festival of Banners - 2017

Artists are invited to paint designs on banners that are then displayed along Bobcaygeon Rd. 16 large banners and 20 small banners were painted by residents, elementary students, homeschoolers and cottagers. Interested artists had to submit their design representing the theme—Canada 150.

Sharon Luke (seen here) painted the locomotive.
I watched that banner all summer.

After Thanksgiving, these banners are auctioned off with proceeds helping to offset the following years project.

With great pleasure that I tell you -

"I was the successful bidder. I intend to have this banner on display at all of our events so that you may enjoy Sharon's work as much as I do. " says Carol Simmons.

Newsletter Mailing List -

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If you are receiving this through Canada Post and wish to continue receiving our news-letters — please take a moment and return the insert using our return envelope.

If you wish to stay informed and have an email address, please send it to us. You would receive your issue by email, therefore no cost incurred.

If we have not heard from you by email or by return mail, we will consider that you are no longer interested and will discontinue mailing to you.

You can always 'reinstate' your address at any time, should you miss us.

~ Irondale Calendar of Events ~

Hang this page on your refrigerator or next to your calendar so you don't miss out!

2018	**Unless otherwise noted -** **Tickets available online at www.IrondaleOntario.ca or call/text 705-457-8438**
Sat. Feb 10	**Polynesian Dinner** held at the Irondale Community Centre. Doors open 5pm. Dinner at 5:30pm. Come in your best Hawaiian outfit $20 pp
Sat. April 14	**Fish 'n Fowl Dinner** held at the Gooderham Community Centre. Doors open 5pm. Dinner at 6pm. Fish, turkey, potatoes, vegetables, salad & dessert. Loonie auction action after dessert. $20 pp
Sun. June 3	**Grand Opening of the Book Nook** Join us 11:30 – 3 for exciting news. Coffee & goodies served. All happening at Irondale's Heritage Church Building.
Sat. June 9	**Haliburton County Fair** Enjoy the music, horse pull & visit the Irondale booth.
Sat. June 17	**Highlands Food & Beverage Showcase** Wintergreen Pancake Barn,
Sat. July 7 or 14	**Concert On The Lake —** Fabulous music from the comfort of your own boat, canoe, paddleboard, etc. Check *www.sdlca.ca* for more details.
Sat. July 21	**Wild Game Dinner Event** The ever popular dinner is held at the Galway Community Centre. Doors open at 5pm. Buffet served at 6pm. All game served as bite size pieces, so you can sample it all. Remember your loonies for the after dinner excitement. $20 per person
Sat & Sun July 28 & 29	**Irondale's Ball Tournament** Teams vie for the coveted trophy and prizes. Great fun for the whole family. Registration info - centre@IrondaleOntario.ca, Chris James 705-447-2733
Sat Aug 4	**Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association AGM** , 10 am at the Irondale Community Centre. Check *www.sdlca.ca* for more details.
Sun Aug 5	**Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's Canoe Race, BBQ and Children's Games** Check *www.sdlca.ca* for more details.
Sat. Aug 18	**Irondale Community Centre Dinner** Doors open 5pm at Gooderham Community Centre. Dinner served at 6pm, followed by the popular Loonie Auction. Tickets $20 each Call Barry Simmons at 705-447-2380 for tickets and more information
Sat. Sept 22	**Family Harvest Festival** Noon to 4pm Vendors, BBQ, Prizes, Games, Displays, Tours - all on the Irondale Church property. Free Admission
Sat. Nov 10	**A Dinner of Remember** Meal served 5pm at the Irondale Community Centre $20 pp. Menu will be using recipes from the WWI and WWII era.

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Wonder what this man is doing?
See the story in September 2017 issue,
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